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REMARKS

In the communication dated April 26, 2004, the Examiner stated that the application has the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 19-21, drawn to evaluating feedback regarding helpfulness/usefulness of a product review of a customer in order to rank the customer as a reviewer, classified in class 705, subclass 10.

Species I: Evaluation of feedback regarding the helpfulness/usefulness of a product review of a customer is assessed based on a tally of votes (claims 1-11, and 19).

Species II: Evaluation of feedback regarding the helpfulness/usefulness of a product review of a customer is assessed based on a tally of review links activated by readers of reviews (claims 20-21)

- II. Claims 12-18, drawn to providing profile information of a reviewer, including products for sale by the reviewer and feedback regarding the reviewer, classified in class 705, subclass 10.

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In response, Applicants provisionally elect without traverse to proceed with the examination on the merits of Group 1, Species I, including Claims 1-11, and 19, and have withdrawn Claims 12-18 and 20-21. The Examiner submits that no claims are generic, however Applicants respectfully assert that generic claims are pending which read upon two of the species identified by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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